

Order

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ADM File No. 2002-44

Administrative Order 2002-5

Differentiated Case Scheduling
At the Court of Appeals

Michigan Supreme Court Lansing, Michigan

Maura D. Corrigan,
Chief Justice

Michael F. Cavanagh
Elizabeth A. Weaver
Marilyn Kelly
Clifford W. Taylor
Robert P. Young, Jr.
Stephen J. Markman,
Justices

The Court of Appeals is engaged in a delay-reduction initiative, with the goal of disposing of 95 percent of its cases within 18 months of filing beginning in October 2003. To assist in reaching that goal, the Supreme Court orders that the Court of Appeals may give precedence on the session calendar under Rule 7.213(C) of the Michigan Court Rules to any appeals that the Court of Appeals determines are appropriate for differentiated case management. Specifically, the Court of Appeals may schedule such cases on the session calendar as soon as the time for filing the briefs has elapsed, the record has been received, and the matter has been prepared for submission in accordance with internal procedure.

This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until December 31, 2003, at which time the Court will decide whether to amend Rule 7.213(C) on a permanent basis, consistent with this administrative order. In the meantime, the Court will further consider this interim order at a public hearing. The schedule of future public hearings will be posted on the Court's website, www.courts.mi.gov/supremecourt. Please refer to Administrative File No. 2002-44 in any correspondence or inquiry.

Cavanagh, J., states that he does not see the necessity for this order and agrees with Justice Kelly that at least a public hearing should precede its entry.

Kelly, J., would hold a public hearing before issuing this administrative order.